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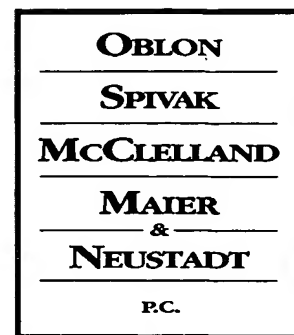
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Re: Inventor: Takashi KATO, et al.
Serial No: 10/796,981
Filed: March 11, 2004
For: GELLING AGENT AND PRODUCTION METHOD THEREOF,
LIQUID CRYSTAL COMPOSITION AND CHARGE TRANSFER
COMPLEX

SIR:

Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

**NOTICE OF INCOMPLETE NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION (RETURN COPY); LETTER TO PTO;
CERTIFIED ENGLISH TRANSLATION OF SPECIFICATION (42 pp., 11 CLAIMS, 2 SHEETS OF DRAWINGS)
W/CERTIFICATE OF TRANSLATION (EXE)**

Our check in the amount of \$0.00 is attached covering any required fees. In the event that any variance exists between the amount enclosed and the Patent Office charges for filing the above-noted documents, including any fees required under 37 CFR 1.136 for any necessary Extension of Time to make the filing of the attached documents timely, please charge or credit the difference to our Deposit Account No. 15-0030. Further, if these papers are not considered timely filed, then a petition is hereby made under 37 CFR 1.136 for the necessary extension of time. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

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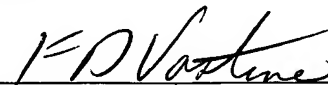
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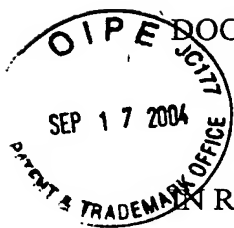
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SIR:

In reply to the Notice of Incomplete Nonprovisional Application dated August 17, 2004, applicants point out that the application as filed March 11, 2004, in the Japanese language presented no less than eleven claims for examination. The certified English translation of the specification and claims that was filed on July 22, 2004, also contains the same eleven claims. Accordingly, there is no need to file at least one claim in this case and there is no need for a new Declaration. Applicants are providing a complete English translation of the specification and Claims 1-11. Withdrawal of the objection to the application is respectfully requested.

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